Suppose, however, there should be created bar associations in which every lawyer was ipso facto a member, having the control of admission to and expulsion from the bar, and of nominating all candidates for judicial office. To such an organization could likewise be committed the power to enact, by proper formulating committees and a referendum, all rules of judicial procedure. These are extensive powers, it is true, and liable to abuse, but they must be exercised by some one, and it is submitted that not one of them is today in hands so competent or so trustworthy as those of the bar. It may be noted that in Minnesota the district court judges have recently appointed a permanent committee to act on proposed changes in court rules and procedure, and to consider legislation. This is a step in the right direction, albeit a short one. To be really effective the committee should be representative of a fully organized bar, and that bar should have much power with respect to the regulation of procedure which is now committed to the legislature.

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